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FROM US REP MBFR

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SUBJ: MBFR: AD HOC GROUP APPROVES TACTICS

PAPER

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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: IN MEETING OF JANUARY 24,
UK REP PROPOSED SOME FURTHER CHANGES IN AD HOC GROUP
TACTICS PAPER (LATEST VERSION REFTEL). AD HOC GROUP
ACCEPTED CHANGES, APPROVED PAPER AS WHOLE AND AUTHORIZED
BELGIAN REP TO COMMUNICATE TEXT TO NAC DURING ITS
SESSION OF JANUARY 25. END SUMMARY.

2. IN AD HOC GROUP MEETING JANUARY 24, UK REP ANNOUNCED
HE HAD RECEIVED NEW INSTRUCTIONS ON TACTICS PAPER.

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UK FONOFF ACCEPTED PARAGRAPH 7 AS NOW DRAFTED (TEXT

IN REFTEL). UK FONOFF ALSO ARGUED FOR ELIMINATION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FRG AT END OF PARA 6 ON GROUNDS THAT IF IT WAS STATED OR IMPLIED THAT FRG MIGHT REDUCE ITS FORCES, THE SAME QUESTION WOULD BE PUT TO UK, WHICH WOULD NOT WISH TO REPLY. THIRD UK PROPOSAL WAS FOR LIMITED CHANGES IN TEXT OF PRESENT PARAGRAPH 5.

3. US REP POINTED OUT THAT THE ELIMINATION OF SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FRG IN SUGGESTED RESPONSE IN PARAGRAPH 6 WOULD NOT SATISFY THE SOVIETS AND THAT THE PROBLEM REMAINED TO BE DEALT WITH. HOWEVER, HE RECOMMENDED THAT GROUP ACCEPT TEXT AS REVISED BY UK IN THE INTERESTS OF STARTING THE PROBE. GROUP AGREED AND PAPER WAS ADOPTED.

4. GROUP ALSO INSTRUCTED ACTING BELGIAN REP (WILLOT) TO FORWARD APPROVED PAPER TO BELGIAN REP ADRIAENSSEN SO THAT IT COULD BE DISTRIBUTED DURING AD HOC GROUP REPORT AT NAC SESSION MORING OF JANUARY 25.

5. SINCE AD HOC GROUP ACCEPTANCE WAS UNANIMOUS, USNATO MAY WISH TO NOTE THIS FACT IN ANY COMMENT ON TEXT. DELEGATION CONSIDERS FINAL TEXT TO BE WITHIN TERMS OF WASHINGTON POLICY GUIDANCE.

6. CHANGES IN TEXT FROM THAT TRANSMITTED IN REFTEL ARE AS FOLLOWS:

7. PARA 5, END THIRD SENTENCE AT "COMMON CEILING CONCEPT." REMAINDER OF PARAGRAPH READS: "THE DURATION OF THIS FIXED PERIOD WOULD BE AGREED LATER IN THE COURSE OF THE PHASE ONE NEGOTIATIONS DURING DISCUSSION OF THE PROVISION ALREADY REFERRED TO. ALLIED NEGOTIATORS WOULD NOT OFFER THE RUSSIANS ANY MORE SPECIFIC COMMITMENT."

8. NEW PARAGRAPH 6 READS: BEGIN QUOTE: THE PHRASE "FIXED PERIOD OF TIME" IS DELIBERATELY INDEFINITE. ITS DEFINITION IS OPEN FOR SUBSEQUENT ALLIED DECISION, WHICH WOULD
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TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEED FOR EVIDENCE OF A SATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION OF A PHASE ONE AGREEMENT. END QUOTE.

9. IN OLD PARAGRAPH 6, (NOW PARA 7 DROP LAST SENTENCE. REPLACE IT WITH FOLLOWING: BEGIN QUOTE: IF THE RUSSIANS PERSIST IN ASKING WHETHER "OTHER FORCES" WOULD INCLUDE THE BUNDESWEHR, ALLIED REPRESENTATIVES COULD REMIND THE

RUSSINAS OF THEIR STATEMENT IN PLENARY ON 17 JANUARY
THAT "IN THIS SECOND PHASE, THE GROUND FORCES OF OTHER
DIRECT PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE INCLUDED. END QUOTE.

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